

My Dear Nephew
Your letter short sweet
and unexplainable came with yesterdays mail - and instead of taking the stipulated time for deciphering those Greek-Latin phrases. I send you by the first opportunity - a line - demanding an instant unravelling of the mystery at the peril of your reputation in this far famed land, How do I know how many black insults are thus unconsciously to me, coiled within those compounded - compounded words - I think a new branch must have been introduced into your class, incomprehensible to the Teacher even. You doubtless thought - because I had a mixture of languages in

your plans
prospects - do
How dear
I would love
to see you all
soon - Letter when
came in yours
was dated Nov
Grew come it
So long on the
way - I think it must
be to Boston
Ourselves sent
and they sent
them both together
Your first - Let
ters - news - rumors
write down
Direct Mrs. Hattie
H. Dickinson
Amherst
Mass.
Co.
Calverton
Your Aff. Aunt.
Hollis

my school. I should be able
to decypher any compound. But be
assured. I know no more of
those languages now - than when
I first entered school - They did not
speak the pure dialect - and not
knowing what they said when they
gabbered among themselves - it ~~did~~
gave me no more insight into their
Language - than it would to here a
flock of Black birds - Yet it was
quite amusing - and rather ludri-
cous sometimes to here them pronounce
many of our English words - My
dignity came near ~~to~~ having a
serious fall a good many times -
You doubtless know ere this
that I have been transformed
from a School marm, to a house
wife - Not such a one as the
soldiers carry their needles & thread

in however - but as the word
is generally interpreted - Don't know
as you cared about having your num-
ber of Uncles increased - However
I didn't think to consult you until
it was too late - So you must not
grumble now. I think you will
like him. I do - Our tastes -
being in the same family ought
not to be very dissimilar - I
hope to make money enough to
come home and live comfort-
ably in a few years - and then I
will give you an opportunity - of
forming Uncle Alvin's acquaintance
Where will you be then - If having
enjoying the golden privileges of a
finished education - or if wis-
dom deemed, struggling manfully in
the busy world for that field of
usefulness, that shall develop

Your character - more symmet-
rically - more perfectly - more
divinely perhaps than the
influence of College associations
could or rather would - If
you wish to accomplish anything
for yourself or others - Start with
a firm - unwavering - determined
single purposed will - which
nothing can turn from the right -

My present home is very pleasant
on the banks of the Lac - Rivier - Its
air is warm and sunny here in Feb
as our beautiful October days East -
A beautiful spray of blossoms
from the Peach tree were given me
a few days since - I cannot realize
its winter - We have had scarcely
any rain this season - Its unusually
warm & dry & pleasant - I have
not heard from the boys since
I was married. Have written but
they are too busy to care for me now
Another has taken charge of me - was
very glad to learn you was at Andover
write me more minutely concerning